

# **GAP ANALYSIS**

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## **GAP ANALYSIS**

The assessments completed during 1999 – 2003 identified the needs of the Latino, African American, Injection Drug User, Youth, Native American, Men Who Have Sex With Men, and PLWA populations. What follows is a summary of the needs identified, the resources that Nebraska has to meet those identified needs, and the gaps identified to meet the needs.

The breakdown of populations identified below reflects the major groups identified by the assessments and their responses as to the groups at risk. Many identified youth within their broader population, i.e. Latino, African American, etc., hence youth were assigned a separate category.

### **PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS (PLWA)**

#### Needs Identified

- treatment and care that is respectful
- culturally and linguistically appropriate
- understanding of HIV/AIDS by health care workers and providers
- safe and adequate housing
- transportation
- adequate nutrition
- negotiation skills
- needle exchange program
- adequate income and resources

#### Resources

- Nebraska AIDS Project
- Ryan White Title II and Title III Services
- ADAP
- Western Community Health Resources
- Panhandle Community Services
- University of Nebraska Medical Center
- counseling and testing sites across Nebraska
- HHS Medicaid Program
- correctional facilities
- Central Nebraska Council on Alcoholism
- Charles Drew Health Center
- private counseling services
- Nebraska HIV CARE and Prevention Consortium (NHCPC)
- statewide regional community planning groups
- NAF Multicultural Human Development Corporation
- family planning facilities
- city/county/district health departments
- behavioral and mental health facilities

### Gaps Identified

- stigma of HIV/AIDS, prejudice, and homophobia, especially in rural areas
- lack of medical and dental providers in rural areas
- lack of transportation, especially in rural areas
- safe, adequate, and affordable housing
- HIV/AIDS education of health care workers and providers
- education and job training for PLWA
- mental health/substance abuse services in rural areas
- perceived lack of assurance and confidentiality
- non-ADAP covered medications
- access to case management services in rural areas
- information about Ryan White services unavailable

## **MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN (MSM)**

### Needs Identified

- HIV/AIDS/STD prevention education
- recreation for young MSM
- drug and alcohol prevention
- faith community involvement
- safe and adequate housing
- bilingual and culturally appropriate services
- transportation
- negotiation skills
- needle exchange program
- adequate nutrition
- adequate income and resources

### Resources

- Nebraska AIDS Project
- UNL Health Center – Gay Men’s Support Group
- The Health Coalition
- Panhandle PACT
- Ryan White Title II and Title III Services
- Panhandle Community Services
- Western Community Health Resources
- Calico Spirit Counseling Facilities
- counseling and testing sites across Nebraska
- Nebraska HIV CARE and Prevention Consortium (NHCPC)
- statewide regional community planning groups
- NAF Multicultural Human Development Corporation
- correctional facilities
- behavioral and mental health facilities

### Resources (continued)

- private counseling services
- city/county/district health departments
- halfway houses/homeless shelters

### Gaps Identified

- bilingual and culturally appropriate prevention services
- HIV/AIDS/STD education
- interpreters for medical and educational services
- mental health
- substance use prevention and treatment services
- safe and adequate housing

## **DRUG AND ALCOHOL USERS**

### Needs Identified

- HIV/AIDS prevention education
- counseling and testing
- needle exchange program
- HARM reduction
- negotiation skills
- transportation
- adequate nutrition
- adequate income and resources

### Resources

- CenterPointe
- counseling and testing sites across Nebraska
- Central Nebraska Council on Alcoholism
- private counseling services
- Ryan White Title II and Title III Services
- Nebraska HIV CARE and Prevention Consortium (NHCP)
- statewide regional community planning groups
- correctional facilities
- drug and alcohol treatment centers
- halfway houses/homeless shelters
- family planning facilities
- city/county/district health departments
- behavioral and mental health facilities

### Gaps Identified

- mental health services
- drug and alcohol prevention and treatment services
- needle exchange program
- bilingual and culturally appropriate prevention services
- bilingual and culturally appropriate HIV/AIDS/STD education

## **HETEROSEXUAL FEMALES**

### Needs Identified

- HIV/AIDS/STD prevention and education
- bilingual and culturally appropriate education and services
- negotiation skills
- adequate income and resources
- safe and adequate housing
- faith community involvement
- transportation
- needle exchange program
- adequate nutrition

### Resources

- Lutheran Family Services
- Family Health Services, Inc
- St. Monica's substance abuse treatment program
- NAF Multicultural Human Development Corporation
- Panhandle Community Services
- Western Community Health Resources
- Nebraska AIDS Project
- Nebraska HIV Care and Prevention Consortium (NHCP)
- statewide regional community planning groups
- Ryan White Title II and Title III Services
- counseling and testing sites across Nebraska
- correctional facilities
- behavioral and mental health facilities
- private counseling services
- family planning facilities
- city/county/district health departments
- halfway houses/homeless shelters

### Gaps Identified

- bilingual and culturally appropriate prevention services
- HIV/AIDS/STD education
- interpreters for medical and educational services
- mental health and substance abuse treatment services
- adequate and safe housing

## HETEROSEXUAL MALES

### Needs Identified

- HIV/AIDS/STD prevention and education
- drug and alcohol prevention
- counseling and testing
- bilingual and culturally appropriate services
- education for a transient population
- negotiation skills
- needle exchange program
- transportation
- safe and adequate housing
- adequate nutrition
- adequate income and resources

### Resources

- Central Nebraska Council on Alcoholism
- private counseling services
- Nebraska AIDS Project
- NAF Multicultural Human Development Corporation
- counseling and testing sites across Nebraska
- Ryan White Title II and Title III Services
- Western Community Health Resources
- Panhandle Community Services
- correctional facilities
- Nebraska HIV CARE and Prevention Consortium (NHCP)
- statewide regional community planning groups
- family planning facilities
- city/county/district health departments
- behavioral and mental health facilities

### Gaps Identified

- bilingual and culturally appropriate prevention services
- bilingual and culturally appropriate HIV/AIDS/STD education
- mental health services
- interpreters
- services for a transient population

## NATIVE AMERICANS

### Needs Identified

- HIV/AIDS/STD prevention and education
- drug and alcohol prevention
- counseling and testing
- bilingual and culturally appropriate services
- education for a transient population
- negotiation skills
- faith community involvement
- adequate income and resources
- safe and adequate housing
- transportation
- needle exchange program
- adequate nutrition
- Nebraska HIV CARE and Prevention Consortium (NHCP) representative

### Resources

- private counseling services
- Nebraska AIDS Project
- Indian Health Services
- Western Community Health Resources
- Panhandle Community Services
- NAF Multicultural Human Development Corporation
- counseling and testing sites across Nebraska
- Ryan White Title II and Title III Services
- family planning facilities
- city/county/district health departments
- correctional facilities
- behavioral and mental health facilities
- halfway houses/homeless shelters
- Nebraska HIV CARE and Prevention Consortium (NHCP)
- statewide regional community planning groups

### Gaps Identified

- bilingual and culturally appropriate services and education
- HIV/AIDS/STD education that is comprehensive
- mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment services
- adequate and safe housing

## YOUTH

### Needs Identified

- HIV/AIDS/STD education that is comprehensive
- drug and alcohol prevention
- recreation
- faith community involvement
- negotiation skills
- transportation
- needle exchange program
- adequate nutrition
- adequate income and resources

### Resources

- Lutheran Family Services
- Boys and Girls Homes of Nebraska, Inc
- Love Deliverance Temple Church
- Northeast Nebraska AIDS Prevention Partnership
- YWCA of Lincoln
- Lighthouse
- NAF Multicultural Human Development Corporation
- Family Health Services
- Panhandle Community Services
- Western Community Health Resources
- Nebraska AIDS Project
- Nebraska HIV Care and Prevention Consortium (NHCP)
- statewide regional community planning groups
- counseling and testing sites across Nebraska
- Ryan White Title II and Title III Services
- behavioral and mental health facilities
- private counseling services
- family planning facilities
- city/county/district health departments
- correctional facilities
- halfway houses/homeless shelters

### Gaps Identified

- bilingual and culturally appropriate services and education
- HIV/AIDS/STD education that is comprehensive
- mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment services
- community centers



As the assessments were conducted in the Regional Advisory Groups and the PLWA Support Groups in the regions, it was identified that there was a gap in the care offered and provided in many areas across Nebraska, especially in the rural areas. Therefore, the information below identifies health care workers and medical providers as part of the Gap Analysis.

## **HEALTH CARE WORKERS AND MEDICAL PROVIDERS**

### Needs Identified

- HIV/AIDS/STD education
- cultural awareness
- bilingual health care providers
- interpreters
- conflict resolution skills
- negotiation skills

### Resources

- University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Nebraska AIDS Project
- Nebraska HIV CARE and Prevention Consortium (NHCP)
- statewide regional community planning groups
- infectious disease physicians
- NAF Multicultural Human Development Corporation
- family planning facilities
- city/county/district health departments
- behavioral and mental health facilities

### Gaps Identified

- bilingual health care workers and providers
- culturally appropriate care
- lack of knowledge of HIV/AIDS
- lack of medical/dental providers willing to provide care to HIV positive individuals
- lack of substance abuse/mental health providers